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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, Malabar being a coastal district, due to percolation of water, it is not possible to have paddy cultivation there. If some research is made in this direction it may be possible to meet the food deficit. Will the Government be pleased to make some such research?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, a soil survey was conducted in this district in 1920 and 1928 and we have obtained some results. Anyhow, we shall examine this matter further."

Medical officers sent abroad for training.

* 579 *Q.*—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM (on behalf of Sri M. S. Mogral) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of medical men, community-war and district-war, deputed to foreign countries by the Madras Government since 1952 for specialising in particular branches of medical science;

(*b*) the amount spent on each of them; and

(*c*) how many of them have been given opportunities to make use of such special knowledge in Government institutions?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*c*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House. Information in respect of medical officers districtwar is not readily available.

" (*b*) The information is not readily available and has to be obtained from the High Commission of India, London, and the Accountant-General, Madras. The time and labour involved in collecting the required information will not be commensurate with the result."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, from the statement placed on the table of the House, I find that only one doctor and that too a lady has been selected from the Backward Classes. Are we to take it that there are no other applicants from the Backward Classes available and, secondly, will the Government now at least feel the necessity of deputing more physicians from the Backward Classes, from among the available applicants?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the selection is not made on a communitywar basis. Suitable candidates recommended by the head of the institution and the Director of Medical Services are considered for selection."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, is it a fact that the Backward Classes are getting relief inversely proportional to their agitation?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I would like to inform the hon. Member that more chances have been given this

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 160–161 infra.

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time in regard to admission to Medical Colleges and a very large proportion of Backward Classes candidates have been selected.''

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—'' Sir, may I know whether the rule regarding communal representation was adhered to in selecting these medical men for deputation to foreign countries? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' This has been already answered.''

Construction of a dam-cum-bridge across Katampalli, Chirakkal taluk.

* 580 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the action taken on the memorandum given to the Hon. Minister on 28th August 1953 with regard to the construction of a dam-*cum*-bridge across Katampalli in Chirakkal taluk and some other suggestions regarding the construction of roads and bridges?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' Attention is invited to the paper [a] placed on the table of the House.''

Tank works under the National Extension Service in Kangayam block.

* 581 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many tank and pond works were undertaken by the Government under the National Extension Service in Kangayam block, Coimbatore district, since the inception of the scheme up to 30th September 1954;

(*b*) the amount of public contribution towards the works; and

(*c*) how many of them are remunerative?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' (*a*) Only one tank work, viz., the construction of the surplus weir of Manikkapuram tank in Palladam village, was undertaken during the period.

'' (*b*) Rs. 266 only.

'' (*c*) The tank has no ayacut and hence no revenue is realized by Government. But the existence of the tank is beneficial to the ryots as the adjoining wells about twenty in number will have the benefit of percolation.''

SRI S. THINAKARASAMI THEVAR :—'' தேசீய விஸ்தரிப்புத் திட்டத்தின்கீழ் வேலைகள் வெற்றிகரமாக நடந்துவருவது என்பது வாஸ்தவம். ஆனால், ஸ்தல மக்கள் கொடுக்கவேண்டிய விகிதாசாரம் 50 சதவிகிதம் என்று இருக்கிறது. மக்களிடத்தில் பண வசதி இல்லாத

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